

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1, 33 and 42 are amended, as shown below. A complete listing of the claims, including their current status, is provided below.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A reagent composition comprising:  
a tetrazolium dye;  
a phenazine electron transfer agent; and  
~~a flavin agent present at a molar ratio of about 0.02 to about 17 in an amount effective to stabilize said composition.~~
2. **(Previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said flavin agent is flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD).
3. **(Previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said Group IIIA agent is a borate or boric acid.
4. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said reagent composition comprises an analyte oxidizing signal producing system.
5. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte oxidase.
6. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte dehydrogenase.
7. **(Previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said phenazine agent is phenazine ethosulfate (PES).

8. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system further comprises an enzyme cofactor.

9. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is a fluid composition.

10. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is a dry composition.

11-32. **(Cancelled)**

33. **(Currently amended)** The composition of claim 1, wherein said ~~flavin agent~~ and said tetrazolium dye ~~are~~ is present at a molar ratio of about 0.02 to about 17.

34. **(Previously presented)** A reagent composition comprising:  
a tetrazolium dye;  
a phenazine electron transfer agent; and  
a Group IIIA compound in an amount effective to stabilize said composition;  
wherein said Group IIIA compound and said tetrazolium dye are present at a molar ratio of about 50 to about 800.

35. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said reagent composition comprises an analyte oxidizing signal producing system.

36. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to Claim 35, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte oxidase.

37. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to Claim 35, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte dehydrogenase.

38. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said phenazine agent is PES.

39. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to Claim 35, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system further comprises an enzyme cofactor.

40. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said composition is a fluid composition.

41. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said composition is a dry composition.

42. **(Currently Amended)** A reagent composition comprising:  
a tetrazolium dye;  
a phenazine electron transfer agent; and  
a Group IIIA compound and a flavin stabilizing agent present at a molar ratio of about 0.02 to about 17.